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DECLARATION OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

THE 43D GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Assembly is a GREAT EVENT, AUGUST 22-27, at the MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM, Birmingham, Alabama.

The ministers' Council will convene Tuesday, August 22, 9 a. m., through Thursday, August 24, 4 p.m.

The 43d General Assembly of the Church of God will convene Thursday, August 24, 7 p.m., through Sunday night, August 27.

For hotel reservations, contact the State office, 1259 W. Graymont Ave., Birmingham, Ala., W. E. Johnson, Entertainment Chairman. Ordained ministers, please make your hotel reservations for August 21 so as to be sure to be there at 9 a.m., August 22.

Make your plans now to attend and enjoy this great gathering of Pentecostal people. Arrange for your vacation at this time and get better acquainted with God and His people. The Church has made rapid progress since the last Assembly; come and meet your brethren and sisters in the Lord. That in itself will be a great blessing, besides the great preaching, great singing, great praying, great fellowship, great healings, great experiences. Ask the Lord to send great results in decisions for God and His Church, and may this be our greatest Assembly for the salvation of souls. Will you fast and pray that God may be glorified in this gathering, His name exalted, His kingdom more established, and His Church advanced? "Without him, we can do nothing."—H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Tennessee Chapter of the Lee College Alumni Association is making tentative plans to aid students with scholarships in the amount of \$600 for the coming year. Details will be announced later.

I am now open for revivals. Anyone desiring my services may contact me.—Kirby H. Thompson, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 572, Winter Haven, Fla.

REQUESTS

PRAY FOR:

- Me to get back right with God.—T. R. Holt, West Main Street, West Side Hotel, Marion, Ill.
- My husband to be healed of sugar diabetes.—Julia Graham, 15 North Ave., Petersburg, W. Va.
- A friend, Mrs. Lucy McKee, to be completely healed; one of my neighbors who has a bad foot; a little boy who is over two years old and can't walk.—George Dalton, Rt. 2, Scottsboro, Ala.
- My lost loved ones; a very special unspoken

request.—Mrs. Lela Davis, c/o Claude W. Davis, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Maggie Baldwin, Maud, Okla.

The healing of my body; my lost girls.—Mrs. Handcock, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Our unsaved children to be saved; my aunt to be healed, one of our sons to be healed; his wife to be healed; our son to be able to go to Lee College.—Mrs. Howard Whisman, Marion, Va.

My daughter to be saved and healed; her 2 little boys.—Mrs. E. D. Fox, Starkville, Miss.

My lost loved ones; the Lord to help us in building our church.—A Child of God, Miami, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Elsie Stout, Vico, Ky.

Nervous condition that affects my mind.—Mrs. E. W. Robertson, Rt. 2, State Line, Miss.

My sister and her two little girls to be healed; Sister Lottie Bennett to be healed of typhoid fever and throat trouble; Lella Winfree to be healed; my 8-year-old son who has stomach trouble; my unsaved father and loved ones.—Mrs. Theron Williams, Rt. 1, Hickman, Tenn.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. L. L. Broome, Albany, Ga.

My healing. I fell and was hurt.—Mrs. John Hales, Calhoun, Ga.

Healing for my body; lost loved ones to be saved; a very special unspoken request.—A Reader.

My healing and salvation.—Mrs. Mamie R. Bowers, Rt. 3, Box 165, Williamston, N. C.

The Lord to heal me of extreme nervousness.—Mrs. J. L. Martin, 1653 73rd Ave., Baton Rouge, La.

A little 4-year-old child who is in need of prayer.—Mrs. Norman Williams, Route 2, Winnsboro, La.

OBITUARIES

BLANCO

Our dear father, L. C. Blanco, went to be with Jesus April 19, 1950. He is survived by 1 son, 3 daughters, and 9 grandchildren. He was a member of the Church of God for the past 10 years. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. L. Franklin; his former pastor, Rev. M. M. Thomas; and Rev. I. H. Marks. We miss him so very much but shall endeavor to live true to God and meet him again on some glad tomorrow.—Mrs. Bard Williams, his daughter, Fort Myers, Fla.

VAN SANT

Brother Oran Van Sant, age 38 years, died in the Veterans Hospital, June 2, 1950. He leaves his wife, a son, his mother and father, and 3 brothers. Brother Oran had been a member of the church about 3 years. He was sick about all of this time but he endured bravely and was loved by those who knew him. He left the testimony he was ready to go and prayed to the end. The funeral was in charge of his pastor, Rev. William Simpson.

DICKEY

Mrs. Ida E. Dickey, age 77 years, passed away May 5, 1950. She leaves 2 sons, 5 daughters, 1 brother, and 2 sisters. Sister Dickey was one of the earliest members of the Church of God in Jasonville, Ind., and was faithful to the very last. Rev. Fred Puckett was in charge of the funeral, with Rev. William Simpson, her pastor assisting.

New Missionaries Arrive in Haiti



Dear Friends: Greetings from Haiti! Thursday at 12:45 p. m., we met the Pan-American plane to greet our new missionaries to Haiti, Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Nance, who already have been captivated by the beauties and people of Haiti, and for whom we also have "taken a liking."

About 7 a. m. Saturday, a little girl with a basket on her head came to the mission home with an old man. She had been on her way to market when the old man asked alms of her. She, like Peter, gave what she had. She began to preach the gospel. When he said he wished to be converted, she brought him to our home for prayer, instruction, and guidance. It was thrilling to know that Christians

on their way to market, with baskets on their heads, preach the gospel to the needy and lead them to God.

Sunday, about 2:30 a. m., Ruth, Lucille, Brother Walker, and Brother Nance arose to begin a journey to visit one of the mountain churches. At 5 o'clock the jeep trip ended and at 6 o'clock the mule trip began. Arriving at the top of the high mountain about 9:15, we found a newly whitewashed church, newly transplanted plants, and a happy congregation. During the service the preacher in charge gave this testimony: "When Pastor Remus told me in April that the American missionaries were to visit me in June, I told him we could not get ready in time to receive

them. He said it might be a long time before they could come again; so I called the members in for a meeting. In spite of their poverty they gave some money, and we began to work While I was painting the church, one afternoon someone came to tell me a little boy was sick and the father wanted me to pray for him. The father was a 'Grand Negre' (a bigshot, important man) and up until now would not receive the gospel. I had to get the painting done, but my conscience touched me so I called the brother helping me and said, 'Let us go.' Arriving there, I found the grown sons waiting me with machetes (huge knives), and they told me they would cut off my head if I had a prayer there. I decided I would not fear, and I closed my eyes, sang a song, and prayed. This old man brought his machete, laid it at my feet, bowed his pompous white head, and asked me to pray for him for he wanted to accept the gospel."

Our hearts rejoiced as we worshiped the Lord with these Christians, and we were humbled by their appreciation of our visit. We were servants of their great King, and they treated us as they would treat the visit of the King Himself. It touched our hearts deeply. After the service they took us to the parsonage which they had whitewashed and recovered with grass, and where they had prepared dinner for us. Later, they accompanied us halfway down the mountain, singing hymns as we descended the winding mountain trail.

Your missionaries in Haiti,
Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr.
Rev. and Mrs. Paul T. Nance
Misses Ruth Carmine and
Odine Morse

Second Quarter Report Missions and Orphanage

Missions	Orphanage	Missouri	679.29	757.28
Alabama	\$7,309.96	Montana	186.37	175.22
Arizona	277.17	Nebraska	18.38	20.46
Arkansas	196.07	Nevada	3.73	9.96
California	567.46	New Jersey	144.02	14.65
Canada-Central	17.19	New Mexico	102.33	97.80
Canada-Western	31.10	New York	14.84	31.83
Colorado	39.52	North Carolina	11,611.23	6,549.32
Connecticut	3.05	North Dakota	139.18	168.88
Delaware	62.98	Ohio	1,730.37	1,209.81
District of Columbia	60.99	Oklahoma	1,003.11	905.45
Florida	11,096.13	Oregon	129.36	52.26
Georgia	2,547.40	Pennsylvania	1,058.58	679.77
Idaho	25.65	South Carolina	8,052.78	8,936.46
Illinois	1,897.50	South Dakota	353.66	255.10
Indiana	995.76	Tennessee	2,294.08	1,665.95
Iowa	62.08	Texas	841.78	798.32
Kansas	149.79	Utah	1.65	2.47
Kentucky	3,205.29	Virginia	859.91	784.74
Louisiana	3,144.49	Washington	57.99	78.72
Maine	29.46	West Virginia	2,289.46	2,146.18
Maryland	281.71	Wisconsin	138.94	9.90
Massachusetts	3.32	Wyoming	38.35	10.39
Michigan	545.29	Hawaii		7.47
Minnesota	287.07	Spanish Churches	20.08	22.61
Mississippi	3,755.93			
		TOTAL	\$68,361.93	\$52,784.98

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body.—Manie Walker, Augusta, Ga.

Me; an unspoken request.—Annie M. Torrence.

The complete healing of Mrs. Lelia Vansutphen; me to be healed.—Mrs. L. S. Lambert, Bradshaw, W. Va.

My husband to be healed; me to be healed of a bad heart and stomach trouble.—Mrs. K. E. Farma, Dalton, Ga.

The complete healing of my wife.—L. R. Collins, Harlan, Ky.

My unsaved loved ones; the healing of my sister's body; the church at Nettleton, Ark.—Mora Lee Adams.

The complete healing of my body; my mother to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mae Berry, Kincaid, W. Va.

The healing of my body; my loved ones.—Mildred Berry, Dillon, S. C.

A neighbor to be saved and healed; Mrs. George Paradine who has low blood pressure; me.—George Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.

Editorials...

A BACKSLIDDEN KING'S PRAYER, PSALM 51

On reading this great confessional psalm by David, who had reached enviable heights of spiritual relationship with God to fall to a low level of morality, one can't help thinking about the sweet and beautiful 23rd Psalm, which was written by him years before. I believe David recalls the beautiful verses of this sweetest of his sweet psalms as a matter of consolation for himself and a hope of restoration to fellowship with the Good Shepherd.

Notice the phrase, "He restoreth my soul." As David cried out, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation," in this prayer, he admitted that he had fallen from fellowship with God and desired more than anything in the world a restoration.

In his prayer he did that which backsliders dislike to do, and certainly there are many who have not and never will; but notice how directly he goes about his confession, "against thee." It takes real manhood or womanhood to make a confession like that. Many times people find it rather easy to offer apologies and confessions to each other because they consider it such a light matter; but when one is brought to the full consciousness of his condemnation unto death, the judgment, and hell itself, because of his sin, and that his sins are not only against his neighbor but against God His Creator, the best friend man could have, he discovers that he is confronted with the most terrific problem to be thought of. He must actually know that when he confesses, he is confessing to God. Confession in no other way will bring to him relief. He must feel the awe, the terror, and the fearfulness in having fallen into the hands of the living God.

David's prayer falls into several petitions. First, conscious of his sin, fully aware of his condemnation, no hope of giving an acceptable excuse, he cries out, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness." Uriah was dead; he couldn't ask forgiveness from him. Bathsheba with whom he had committed adultery was alive and, no doubt, she was willing to forgive and ask forgiveness on her own part, and they could have forgotten each other, but forgiveness from her and even from Uriah, had he been living, would not have settled this score. Neither could either of them extended to him the real abiding, heart-consoling and comforting forgiveness that he needed. That could be granted only by God Himself through His lovingkindness and tender mercy. No matter what conditions might attend that forgiveness, it must come from God.

Second, so it is that forgiveness for which he prays. "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities." There are many people who often say, "Yes, I'll forgive you but I shall never forget your trespass against me." No doubt, David had met people of that disposition; but that wasn't the kind of forgiveness he wanted. He wanted his slate wiped clean; he wanted to reach that place that God could look at him with His benignant smiles again. He knew that as long as this sin was upon him, God could not look at him. He was praying for that

very thing that is granted to all who confess their sins, for we are told in 1 John 1:9 that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And Paul tells us that in Jesus we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. A teacher once said to a class of small boys, "God sees everything." "No, He doesn't," said one of the boys. "Of course He sees everything." But again the boy replied, "He doesn't see my sins because He has covered them with the blood of Jesus." David wanted his sins covered. One of the happiest thoughts a person could have who has fallen from grace is that there is restoration for him through the blood of Jesus Christ which blots out his transgressions forever. St. John was very thoughtful in giving us these words of encouragement: "My little children, these things I write unto you that you sin not, but if any man sin he hath an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the whole world. This shows us clearly that the blood of Christ will cover the erring Christian's sins when he confesses, as well as that of the person who has never known the joys of sins forgiven. It takes repentance and confession, just like David was doing, for the backslider to obtain spiritual restoration, and in the light of what Simon Peter said, in Acts 3:19, every person who finds himself under the condemnation of sin, whether a backslider or one who has never known the Lord Jesus, should "repent... and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Third, David was awakened to the indiscreetness of his conduct, and prayed for wisdom. Notice how humbly he prayed, "In the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom." He knew that this would be the result of his restoration to friendship with God. In other words, he would remember this sad experience and never be guilty again. He admitted that he had acted foolishly. Although he was king of Israel, in this matter he had acted like a fool.

The fourth phase of his prayer was for cleansing. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." His very mind, heart, and soul cried out for that purity that he had before he committed the "great transgression." He was willing to submit his very life to any condition God might desire in bringing this to pass. He wanted a heart so clean and undefiled that it would be a new heart. He wanted his spirit so renewed that it would be a right spirit. The Israelites dipped hyssop, a plant with a large leaf, in blood and applied it to the lintels and doorposts of their houses. One will remember that it wasn't the Israelites who were to see the blood on the lintel and doorposts, but the death angel was to see it, and, seeing it, he passed over them, sparing the firstborn of the home. David wanted his soul and very life so purged and cleansed from his transgression, and any tendency in him that might lead him to commit such a sin, that he would never be guilty again. He wanted to be purged (purified) until he would be *whiter than snow*. In this connection it is very easy to see that he was praying not only for forgiveness of sins, which is equivalent to praying for the new birth, but also for heart purity, a complete purging from "sin in the flesh."

In the fifth place, David prayed for restoration of companionship. "Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me." One of the features of the life that is saved and sanctified through the precious blood of the Lord Jesus is protection from the wiles of the devil. All Christians are attacked by sin many times along their pilgrimage to the celestial city, but the blood of the everlasting covenant is sufficient to keep them so completely covered that they will be vaccinated against the devil, and "if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Another great point in his prayer was for restoration of joy. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit." Once he is restored to fellowship, he doesn't want to have the lingering memory of his sin, which would intimidate him; but he wanted

the same kind of joy, the joy of God's salvation, complete deliverance, that he had before his sin; and he tells God that he will show his appreciation for such mercy and joy by teaching transgressors "thy ways." Then he said, "Sinners shall be converted unto thee." David was a very unhappy man, and, of course, that is the condition of all backsliders. In fact, there was no real happiness, but finally great and terrible sorrow, shame, and embarrassment to the prodigal son until he returned unto his father in full penitence. So it is with all who leave God's presence and God's church to go out into the world to indulge in its sinful pleasure and folly. So backslider, do as David and the prodigal did—come to yourself, get up, go back to the altar, and in genuine repentance obtain restoration of salvation and the thrill of that lost joy will be restored to you as it was to the prodigal and David.

HOME-COMING AT LAUREL, MISS.



The Mississippians have a custom very much like the Alabamians and the people of several other states that I have had the privilege of working in or visiting, in that on their annual feast day, home-coming, they spread big tables and have dinner together. Really, on this occasion it is very easy to see that all things were had in common, and this great group "brake bread and did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart" at Laurel, Miss.

This grand occasion was on May 7, beside the very beautiful brick church building where Rev. Cecil Knight, who since that time has taken unto himself a wife, is pastor. This feast was at the close of a spiritual feast in the

morning service and just before the main home-coming service in the afternoon, which was attended by a number of Church of God ministers on the district, as well as ministers of other denominations in the city. Other prominent visitors in these special services were Rev. J. C. Vaughn, pastor near Charleston, S. C., James Cooper, who is associated with Rev. L. W. McIntyre, at the King and Sumpter Streets, Charleston, S. C., church, and another young man who is a proficient pianist whose name I regret that I have forgotten. It was really a delight to be with Brother Knight, who is shown by his father at the extreme right about three rows back, and his good membership.

At the close of the service it was my privilege to accompany Rev. Joseph Milligan to Hattiesburg, where he is pastor. You will remember that the Hattiesburg membership under the leadership of Rev. Luther Turner, several months ago purchased a night club building, and it is there that the church is worshipping. May I say to the credit of all concerned that despite the original purposes and uses of the building, it has been redecorated and transformed into very fitting church arrangements. The building itself is a very fitting example of what happens to the hearts of men and women who have been converted from lives of sin, shame, and ill fame to lives of righteousness and Christian service. No matter if thousands, under the influence of intoxicating spirits, had swayed and pranced and danced over those floors, those filled with the Holy Spirit, joy, and victory have no reticence whatever in letting the Holy Spirit move them in the holy dance over the same floors that had resounded to the dancing feet of those who lived for self and Satan just a few months ago. It was a great delight to be with not only Brother Milligan and his good membership but also their good state overseer, Rev. John L. Byrd, who at the close of his last convention drove a long way in order to be with us in service. And, too, it was a pleasure to see Brother G. C. Dunn who also, in former years, served the state as state overseer. Actually, I can still remember that it was a hard trip down riding all night Saturday night and from 11:30 p. m. until 10:30 a. m. Monday morning, after preaching three times on Sunday, yet I am glad I made the trip. It was a pleasure to be with all the good people and their pastors at Laurel and Hattiesburg.

North Carolina's June Jubilee

The annual North Carolina camp meeting, a spiritual feast that hundreds and thousands look forward to, was held at the North Carolina Campground, located on the four-lane Wilkinson Boulevard, just outside the city limits of Charlotte, June 20-29.

Brother Williams and the Campground Committee are to be commended for their fine work in developing the campground to the present state. New improvements are now being made, and new plans will be presented at the next ministers' meeting, for next year's improvement.

One of the sermons preached at camp meeting was "The Key Man," and we ministers and members, along with thousands of friends in North Carolina, feel that Brother Williams has been the Lord's key man in the building of this great camp.

Entertainment

The Entertainment Committee, which consisted of the pastors of the near-by churches, headed by Brother Wade H. Horton, of Charlotte, worked hard to see that the thousands in attendance were made comfortable. Brother and Sister Williams were untiring in their efforts to see that our out-of-state-guests and Church officials were entertained, and his cottage on the campground and the state parsonage in Charlotte were the North Carolina home of our visiting friends. Everyone will remember the efforts of Rev. Corley and his staff, who worked hard at the confectionary stands to furnish refreshments. Rev. C. H. Rochester, superintendent of our State Orphanage, and his fine group of workers turned out the fried chicken for us hungry preachers at the cafeteria.

Music and Singing

Much credit for the success of the camp meeting goes to Rev. G. E. Weatherby and the fine group that would gather in the large choir to "sing spiritual songs and make melody in their hearts to the Lord." This kept the interest of the meeting on a high plane. Rev. Tommie Day was in charge of the instrumental music, and he took a keen interest to see that we did not come short in praising the Lord. The Continental Quartet, of Lee College, arrived on Sunday morning and stayed for the rest of the camp meeting. Their singing was a great asset to the meeting and was enjoyed. Also,

the singing of the Gospel Echoes, the Ward Trio, the Tony Trio, the Camp Meeting Quartet, and many others made the singing of a large camp meeting what any one would expect.

Preaching

Our camp meeting preachers, beginning the first night, with the sermon on "The June Jubilee," by Brother James L. Slay, delivered sermons under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. The following ministers spoke. Paul Horne, Geo. D. Lemons, Newton Ward, C. R. Spain, H. L. Whittington, Houston R. Morehead, overseer of South Carolina, J. D. Bright, Editor-in-chief, H. L. Chessser, General Overseer, A. C. Wilson, Lewis Willis, state youth director of Florida, Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director, John L. Stephens, J. Stewart Brinsfield, President of Lee College, and Earl P. Paulk.

Dedicatory Service

One of the high lights of the camp meeting was the dedication of the campground and tabernacle. As Brother Williams, our overseer, made a retrospect of what God had wrought among us in making the campground and the large tabernacle a reality, we were made to rejoice together that the Lord had done great things for us whereof we are glad, realizing that just a few years ago a small appropriation of \$5,000 was made to start the camp meeting project, and to think that today our assets in the campground are around a quarter of a million dollars. We raise our hands and hearts toward heaven and acclaim that a modern miracle has been wrought among us. Brother Williams will always be remembered in the hearts of the ministers and members in North Carolina for his great work in the building of the North Carolina camp, and it will stand as a monument in the years to come for the vision that he had and the ability to organize and promote a great cause. The ministers, members, and friends of the Church of God in North Carolina will always be remembered by Brother Williams for the excellent cooperation and the mind to work for these great accomplishments.

Our General Overseer, Rev. H. L. Chessser, delivered the dedicatory sermon, showing in his message what the tabernacle and ground would mean in the future to the Church.

All Church Work

Every phase of the great Church of God program had a part in the services. Rev. E. C. Thomas, state youth director, and his staff of workers presented a program for the youth that will lead them to higher heights in the work of the Lord.

Sister E. W. Williams, state president of the L. W. W. B., and a group of ladies from the various churches rendered a wonderful program. When Sister Williams read the report for the L. W. W. B., every minister realized more than ever the valuable service our ladies are rendering. The amount raised this Assembly year will run over \$100,000.

Rev. V. C. Ramey, principal of the North Carolina Bible School, and Rev. E. C. Thomas, chairman of the State School Board, had charge of the Bible School program in interest of our Lee College and state school. One could observe at this service that we are building for the future.

Rev. C. H. Rochester, superintendent of our State Orphanage, and our children rendered a fine program Sunday afternoon. We have one of the finest bands to be found anywhere.

When the last service ended, and the large crowd were bidding one another farewell until we meet again, we were saying that North Carolina had had the greatest of all camp meetings, with the greatest crowds by far, the largest being on Saturday night. And just ask any one on the Watchman Committee about that crowd. The camp meeting will live on because what we received will bring much good. The precious souls saved will go forth and help get others saved; those sanctified will help others; those baptized with the Holy Ghost will tell of the wonderful experience.—Rev. H. E. Stone, Reporter.

Editor's Note: It was a delightful privilege that Sister Bright, Wendell, Herbert Earl, and I had to be in the great North Carolina camp meeting Friday night through Saturday night. It had been numbers of years since that had been my privilege. Therefore, to visit the state meeting again and see the great tabernacle, the thousands of God-loving, church-supporting ministers and members, who have cooperated so wholeheartedly with their highly esteemed state overseer in bringing North Carolina to its record-breaking strength for the Church of God, numerically, financially, and spiritually, was a delight never to be forgotten.

Report of Resolution Committee for Tennessee's State Camp Meeting and Convention, July 3-9

We, the Resolution Committee of the Church of God State Convention and Camp Meeting, wish to express our thankfulness and deep appreciation for this great Tennessee convention and camp meeting.

We feel it fitting and proper here to make honorable mention of those who have worked so faithfully and efficiently to make this meeting a success:

Rev. A. V. Beaube, state overseer, in charge.

Rev. Colon Dunn, state youth director, and his efficient staff of teachers.

Rev. Harry Kutz, director of music.

We also extend our appreciation to all the convention and camp meeting speakers:

Rev. L. C. Heaston, with his God-anointed messages each evening.

Rev. J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief, who taught daily in the Bible study lessons on the subject of the "Precious Blood of Christ."

Rev. T. W. Godwin, preaching to the preachers daily.

Rev. James A. Cross, who spoke daily on the Church teachings.

Rev. H. L. Chesser, General Overseer.

Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer.

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Also, we make worthy mention of the contribution to the success of these meetings by: All committees and boards, who worked efficiently and faithfully;

The loyal ministers of the State, along with the laity of the Church and countless friends, as well as many out-of-state visitors;

The Willing Workers' Bands of Tennessee, under the able leadership of Sister A. V. Beaube; and

The administration, faculty, and students of Lee College, who so kindly welcomed us here.

We further express our sincere appreciation to all who participated in any manner to the promotion of this great camp meeting.

We are unable to evaluate the greatness of this convocation or to justly appraise its benefits. We have felt the mighty power of God and experienced spiritual blessings that we shall long remember. The predominating spirit of these services has fired us with the zeal of the Lord to go forth in His vineyard with a firmer conviction and a greater vision for the deeper things of God. We are expecting and looking for miraculous results in every hamlet, village, and city in our great State of Tennessee, and with the help of God, great Pentecostal revivals will come in a greater measure than ever before.

Committee:

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Editor's Note:

It was indeed a happy privilege to cooperate with Brother Beaube and his corps of good ministers in the greatest camp meeting and convention the State has ever had.

The Tennessee camp meeting and convention is the most convenient of all for officials here at Headquarters, since we can attend and yet keep in close touch with our office work, and I assure you I missed no more of the rich inspiring services than I had to.

It was not only impressive to observe the full cooperation given the state overseer as he moderated, after his efficient manner, but actually refreshing to see the happy wholehearted way every person serving on the well-planned program carried out his work. Of course, we were all concerned more that large groups, up to near 200 in a few services went to the altar to receive spiritual help, after hearing the dynamic messages by Brother L. C. Heaston. Brother Heaston's tent was used for the night services and its seating capacity of 2,500 was more than taken up in

nearly every service. The state overseer gave the following eleven-month report, which is a compliment to him and his ministers and members:

Saved, 10,136
Sanctified, 5,736
Holy Ghost, 3,869
Baptized in water, 3,869
Joined Church, 3,371

Thus the State of Tennessee climaxed another record-breaking year for God and His Church.

EVANGEL COUNT FOR JUNE, 1950

Alabama	921
Arizona	43
Arkansas	239
California	448
Colorado	30
Connecticut	7
Delaware	50
Florida	1,397
Georgia	2,659
Idaho	24
Illinois	306
Indiana	217
Iowa	59
Kansas	107
Kentucky	782
Louisiana	374
Maine	101
Maryland	167
Massachusetts	4
Michigan	455
Minnesota	20
Missouri	231
Mississippi	494
Montana	75
Nebraska	27
Nevada	2
New Jersey	26
New Mexico	44
New York	60
North Carolina	3,008
North Dakota	100
Ohio	530
Oklahoma	350
Oregon	37
Pennsylvania	315
South Carolina	2,365
South Dakota	81
Tennessee	896
Texas	343
Virginia	580
Washington	55
Washington, D. C.	33
West Virginia	904
Wisconsin	17
Wyoming	3
Central Canada	15
Western Canada	76
Foreign	295
Total	19,372

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Christian Perfection

Sermon preached on "The Church of God Hour," Radio Station WVOK, Birmingham, Alabama, March 26, 1950, by BILLY SUNDAY MYERS. Rev. M. D. Harwood, Director, P. O. Box 185, Bessemer, Ala.

For this initial Church of God program, I am preaching from this much misunderstood subject, "Christian Perfection." That there is a perfection that Christians may obtain in this life is made so plain in the Bible that none but "truth dodgers" and "holiness fighters" ever try to deny. That this perfection is mandatory; i. e., definitely demanded of Christians in this life, is made plain by such Scriptures as Matt. 5:48, which reads, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

These are the words of our Lord, and they are the Scripture's most positive command for "freedom from sin in this life." Of course, I know that when we raise the subject of "Christian Perfection," the devil takes the advantage of men's mental incapacities, and physical infirmities and hoists a bugbear before their eyes that very nearly frightens them to death. The devil is hobbyhorsical and hobgoblin, and will run you clear out of God's honey land with his frightful apparitions if you let him. You can always detect his scarecrows, however, if you will keep close to Jesus and full of the Holy Ghost.

Yes, just mention "Christian perfection," and some plug-hat preacher will start ranting and raging and crying up, "Incredible, incredible, that we should even think of being perfect in this life!" Why not, my friend, give it a most serious thought, when Jesus definitely demanded it, and when the Bible has such a cloud of witnesses to its attainment. God has never commanded one thing that is impossible for us. Should He demand the impossible, what kind of a God would He be? My listening friends and kinsmen in the Lord, please for Jesus' sake, and for the sake of your own soul, don't let the devil's swindlers sell your spiritual inheritance down the trash skid. Now, pull your thoughts together, be candid and willing to accept the truth in its

simplicity. Come, let us reason together. Come, let us see what this perfection is which God so forcefully demands that we have in this life;

Three Degrees of Perfection Taught in the Bible—"Absolute," "Angelic," "Christian"

First, understand this. There are three degrees of perfection taught in the Bible: namely, absolute, angelic, Christian. Absolute perfection, the first of these, belongs to God, and God alone; it embraces omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence; i. e., it has all power, all knowledge, and is everywhere present. The angels don't have this degree of perfection, and never will. The second of these, angelic perfection, preluded all physical infirmities, and mental incapacities. We shall never reach this perfection in this life, but we shall in the resurrection and glorification of our bodies. Jesus said, in Matt. 20:30 "In the resurrection...they are as the angels of God in heaven." From this we see that the glorious resurrection confers on us angelic perfection. All physical diseases will be eliminated, and that streak of insanity which runs through every brain as a result of the fall will be healed, so that we may think right and judge correctly in all matters as now the angels do. We shall never attain this until the resurrection of our body.

Listen to this: In Phil. 3:12, Paul says, "Not as though I were already perfect"; but just three verses following the same, Paul said, "Let...as many as be perfect, be thus minded." Here he mentions two perfections, the former he has not reached, the latter he has. The first mentioned is the perfection of our bodies in the resurrection. This is proved by the preceding verse, which reads: "If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." The second perfection, which he declared to be the present state of many is "Christian perfection." And it now devolves upon us to explain what this is.

In short, it is the perfection of moral character. Christian perfection does not perfect our mind; i. e., our intellect; nor does it perfect our physical body, i. e., it does not eliminate physical infirmities. It perfects moral character. "And what does this actually do for us?" It is the elimination of all sin. If you will open your eyes just halfway, you can see that whenever perfection is required of us in this life, it always means the elimination of all sin from soul and body.

Now, in the light of this, notice how easily our text is explained. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven" does not mean that we are to be infallible like God; nor does it mean that we are to be impeccable like God. It simply means that our hearts washed in the blood of Jesus are as pure and clean as heaven can make them. "Be perfect" means be perfectly clean, perfectly pure, as clean as the blood of Christ can make a soul. "He hath perfected forever them that ARE sanctified," Heb. 10:14. "Perfected forever" does not mean that you are infallible; it means if you are sanctified you are as clean as you can ever be in this life.

In the light of this definition, let us read a few passages of scripture, and comment on them briefly. (But before we read, let me tell you this; it is the devil's job, being assisted by counterfeit preachers, to bungle these three perfections, lump the sum, and confuse the unattainable with the attainable. and thereby cheat you out of your spiritual birthright. The devil has lost his sanctity but not his sagacity; he is wise to do evil, and will outwit you every time unless you choose the infallible and unerring Word of God as your guide in all things.)

The first example of perfection cite you to is that of our father Abraham, and you will find it in Gen. 17:1, "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." At this, Abram fell upon his face before God in full surrender. Then God confirmed His covenant with him, and informed him

that his name was changed from Abram to Abraham. The only difference in the Hebrew form of spelling his name would be the letter "h" which changes it from Abram to Abraham. What does the change of his name signify? A name in the Bible was often put for nature or character; for example, Nabal: "As his name is so is he." A change of one's name by the Lord signifies a change of his nature or character. "Abram" means "High Father." God gave him this name at his conversion to signify that he had been lifted from the deep pit of sin and his feet placed on the high plain of justification. "High Father" really illustrates "justification by faith," which prepared him in the councils of God to represent the whole family of faith. Hence, he became the paternal representative of all God's children. Abraham, in this sense, stands at the head of the visible church.

For many years Abraham lived in this initial stage of righteousness, until at length God appeared to him again; i. e., in a second epochal experience; namely, "perfection," which is simply another Bible term for entire sanctification. In this, God changed his name again from Abram (high father), to Abraham (father of nations). The letter "h" was inserted to make the difference. Great Hebrew scholars tell us that in the Hebrew tongue the letter "h" is pronounced with a deep aspiration, representing a strong breathing. The Bible application is simply this—when God perfected Abram's heart in holiness, He breathed into his nature an exalted measure of grace and righteousness. Thus, we see that this perfection carried the thought of a moral change, and simply means that Abraham was sanctified when God said, "Be perfect."

Some time ago there fell into my hand a book written by one of the world's champion "holiness fighters." In his bungled catachresis he made a comment on Abraham's perfection, and said, "Perfection in the Bible simply means sincerity." Now this is exactly right; but, dear listener, the root meaning of "sincerity" is perfectly synonymous with that of *moral perfection*. But why did he suggest the word "sincerity"? Because he knew that in the mind of the unlettered and unspiritual the word is not as strong and forceful as the word "*perfection*." His design was obviously

to weaken the commandment of God by weakening the term, and leave the people with a mongrel religion; i. e., a sinning religion. All sinning religion is mongrel.

Let me prove the point of argument from Paul's testimony, 2 Cor. 1:12: "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God..." Where the English version reads "godly sincerity," the Greek, we are told, literally reads, "Godly purity"; i. e., purity such as Christ possesses; unmixed purity; purity free from every foul element or foreign matter. When you go to the root of our English word "sincerity," you find it to mean precisely the same thing. It originates from the Latin "sincerus," which is derived from the compound "sine" (without) and "cera" (wax), literally "without wax," honey separated from the wax, or pure strained honey. The Bible application is simple; it means "the pure love of God without mixture of any sin whatsoever."

From this we see that Christian perfection is that work of God's grace whereby the heart is purified from the wax of inbred sin and left brim full of the strained honey of perfect love. First Peter 2:2, speaks of the "sincere word of God," meaning, of course, that the Bible is inspired of the Holy Ghost, and is not gummed up or waxed over with any uninspired tommyrot of the carnal mind. The same thing holds true of this good religion; we serve God with "sincerity of heart," i. e., we love Him with all of our soul, mind and strength: positively nothing left to serve the devil with. God has all of our heart; He holds preeminence in all of our affection, our motives, our desires. We are His purchased possession, bought with His own blood. We are not our own; we are His. He redeemed us from the devil's pawnshop; and when you hear someone preaching that we must remain defiled with sin, or we must commit sin, he is saying in effect that Jesus Christ claims something over which the devil has dominion. That preacher who preaches a mongrel religion is nothing less than counterfeit; he is one of the biggest humbugs that walks upon terra firma.

Jesus said in words so simple a way-faring man, though fool, need not err therein. What? "You cannot serve God and mammon." You cannot serve two

masters, God and Satan, at the same time. Darkness and light will not mix. You can't be right and wrong at the same time. "He that is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Notice, the language is as strong as God could put it—"He that is born of God cannot sin." There is but one way to logically interpret this "cannot sin." It is not an infallible "cannot," but rather a moral cannot. Let me illustrate: He that is honest cannot steal. An honest man cannot steal, but he can lay aside his honesty and steal; but the moment he does this he is no longer honest, for he becomes a thief. A truthful man cannot lie, but he can forfeit his truthfulness and then lie; then he becomes a liar. Neither can a Christian commit sin; he can, however, throw off his moral robe of righteousness and sin but then he is no longer a Christian but a sinner.

The holiness doctrine on the sin question is simply this: Any man can sin; any man may sin; but no man **MUST** sin. Isn't this reasonable?

"Moral perfection" has always been God's highest standard. Listen to Lev. 22:21, "And whosoever offereth a sacrifice unto the Lord... it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein." Agreeable to this Old Testament standard is that of the New, eternally verified in Rom. 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

It is understood by all that the sacrifice upon the altar represented the offerer. The character of both must harmonize; must be identical. Now, God says, "The sacrifice must be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish in it." It is a strange thing to me that men will stand in the sacred pulpit and preach that all Christians are tainted with sin and must remain so as long as they live in this lower world, when God plainly said, "It must be perfect to be accepted: there must be no blemish in it." Man is sanctified by the blood of Christ, and then offers his body a

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ANOTHER CHURCH DEDICATED

University Highway Church, Stanton, Alabama



This picture was taken at our dedicatory service which was conducted by our state youth director, Rev. Fred C. Jernigan, assisted by our good pastor and district pastor, Rev. H. E. Lambert.

This little church was organized Dec. 11, 1948, by our pastor, with eight members. We now have 16. Our church building is a 28-by-46-foot block structure, which cost around \$3,000 to build. The Lord blessed us with a 7-acre plot of ground, donated by Mr. Roger Lee Bates, of Birmingham. Mr. Spivey of Forbes Piano Music Company helped to make this dedication a blessing to many people by bringing us a nice piano from Birmingham.

We have this little church free of debt. We bought new factory-built pews, and they are really nice. About 200 were here for our opening and dedicatory service. We raised \$161, for which we really thank God.

Every department of our church is growing under the able leadership of Brother H. E. Lambert. We really appreciate him and his good family. He certainly has a great vision.—Mrs. H. L. Patterson, Sunday School Secretary, University Highway Church of God.

REPORT OF CANTWELL, MO., HOME-COMING

The annual home-coming for the Cantwell, Mo., Church convened Sunday, June 4. Special speakers in the morning service were Revs. Chester Shaner, Raymond Orick, and Clifford Thurmond. These ministers are members of the Cantwell Church.

At noon a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

We were privileged to have a number of visitors, including the Douglas Evangelistic Party (Rev. and Mrs. Roy

Douglas and sons, also Rev. and Mrs. Evoy), our district overseer, Rev. Harold Moore, of Leadwood, Mo., Rev. W. A. Nicholson, of Bonne Terre, Mo.; and Rev. C. E. Yates, state youth director of Missouri and pastor at Flat River.

The main speaker of the day was Rev. J. D. Bright, Editor and Chief of Church of God Publications. Brother Bright spoke on the family of God being an institution. This was indeed a great message. Those who know Brother Bright know him to be a

"prince" among preachers.

The home-coming came to a close Sunday evening with a great evangelistic message by Brother Bright, and a number came to the altar. Brother Bright also blessed our people with a message on Saturday evening prior to the home-coming. His ministry enriched the Church at Cantwell, spiritually. We are still feeling the effects.—Mrs. W. H. Godwin, Reporter.

Editor's Note: My visit with the
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REVIVALS

SALINAS, Calif.—We are glad to report victory in the Salinas Church of God. We have had a five weeks' revival here, with Dr. Russell Ford, of Baltimore, Md., assisted by his good wife. We have experienced a great stirring here in the city, and the support of the other Pentecostal churches was great. We feel there is the best spirit of fellowship that has ever been in this fair city. Dr. Ford, with his great prophetic messages and Spirit-filled life, was an inspiration, and the earnestness with which he delivered the Word was great. Our hearts were stirred and our eyes were opened to the deeper things of God. More people have been reading their Bibles and searching God's Word for deeper things than ever before. We were made to feel that the coming of the Lord is very nigh.

Dorothea Ford is a great chalk artist, and the hymn portrayals she made for us two nights a week were certainly great. Her work for the Sunday School was wonderful. She has a great talent and is using it for the glory of God. Any church that wants a good revival will do well to try to get Brother and Sister Ford. They will do good in any church.—H. Edward Sells.

ST. ALBANS, W. Va.—We have had a two weeks' revival, conducted by Rev. Jack Dudley, of Alabama. This was a great blessing to our church in every way. Three received the Holy Ghost, 4 were saved, 6 baptized in water, and 8 united with the church. The saints were greatly encouraged. Brother Dudley is a fine evangelist. He is a good preacher and stands for the Bible and church teachings 100%. You would do well to secure his services if you are in need of a revival at your church. Please pray for our church. We are looking for greater things ahead.—Maude McDaniel, Pastor.

SARASOTO, Fla.—Just before our state camp meeting, we closed a meeting at the local church here in Sarasoto that had been going for six and one-half weeks. Twenty were saved, 10 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, with 11 joining the church.

This was the best revival the church has had in many years, according

to many of the members, with many people coming to the meetings who never came to church before. It was during this meeting that the Sunday School reached its highest mark in several years.

The meeting was conducted by two young ladies from Canada; Miss Mary Pelissero and Miss Dorothy Moss. Miss Pelissero is an excellent preacher and Miss Moss is an excellent pianist, and singing together they make one of the best duets we have been privileged to hear in quite a while. Any one would do well to get these ladies for a meeting.—W. M. Robertson, Pastor.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—We are happy to report victory for the New Light Church of God at Wake Forest. We have just closed the best revival the church has ever had. There were 21 saved, 17 sanctified, 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 6 added to the church. Brother Lloyd Robbins, of Zebulon, N. C., was the evangelist, and he really was a blessing to the church. We appreciate our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Leonard. The Lord is blessing the church and we are giving Him all the praise for it.—Church Reporter.

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—We thank the Lord for the wonderful revival we recently had, with Rev. W. M. Rumler, of Tampa, Fla., as the evangelist. There were 67 saved, 55 sanctified, 36 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 45 baptized in water, and 34 added to the church. Before the revival there were only 4 men in the church, but we thank the Lord for 18 men now. Also, there were no young people with salvation, but the majority of the converts in this revival were young people. There are now singers, musicians, and those with all kinds of good talent

in our young people's group. Our church is increasing in all departments. Brother Rumler surprised the local pastor, Brother D. J. Cupp, with a surprise love offering of \$54.61, from the members. We are to start on some Sunday School rooms, and the Y.P.E. is in a contest to raise money for new seats in the church. Pray for the young people that they will stay on fire for God.—Dannie Sylvan Cupp, Reporter.

CLIFFVIEW, Va.—We are happy to report the greatest revival in the history of the church here. There were 67 experiences, 26 saved, one reclaimed, 19 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 8 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. The saints were blessed and revived, and some wonderful healings were wrought by the hand of God. A young mother was healed of a serious lung infection and another sister of rheumatism, and many others felt the healing power of God. It has been said by many that they would never have a revival at Cliffview, but God sent Sister Hazel Jennings to this place to show the false prophets and critics that He was still on the throne. We give God all the praise and honor for everything that was accomplished in this revival.—W. I. Head, Pastor.

DOVER, Fla.—Following the dedication of the Jones Chapel Church of God, we had a two weeks' revival, with Rev. Clarence Hazellief as the evangelist. There were 12 saved, 4 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and all the saints were drawn closer to God. Anyone desiring an evangelist for a young people's revival will do well to get Brother Hazellief. He is only a young man, but he is on fire for God.—C. P. Jackson, Pastor.

OUR GUEST

This is Mrs. Bingham O'Niel, bookkeeper and pay mistress at the Church of God Publishing House.



Short Sermons

BEARING THE STANDARD

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"So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him," Isa. 59:19.

Standard—That which is established by authority as a fixed rule or measure.—*Webster*.

The time is upon us when we must show our colors in the very face of the enemy. The forces of evil are abounding more than ever before. The world, in all of its folly, is certainly showing its colors. Hollywood has issued the statement, "Movies are better than ever," to all of their promoters throughout the world. Every time you look in your daily paper, these words are portrayed before your eyes. Yes, movies are better than ever, looking at it from a worldly standpoint. There are more nude bodies of women flashed on the screen than ever before. Pictures are more sexual than ever before. More crime is flashed before young and innocent children than ever before, and the children are trying the same things they have seen on the screen, "because the culprit got by with it." Yes, in bright colors the world is showing its colors. Modernism is showing its ugly head to teeming millions who are accepting it. They hold for a *standard*: No deity in Christ; no power in the blood no repentance necessary—sign a card; join the church; be baptized, that's all. Communism is being taught and practiced a great deal right here in our own United States. Catholicism, which is growing by leaps and bounds, has a ritualistic form of worship. They are actually specializing in idol worship right here in our own civilized America. They are leaving Christ out as Mediator and looking to some ungodly priest for intercession. At an N. A. E. district meeting which I was privileged to attend in Des Moines recently, we were told by a man who really knew, "Communism is not America's greatest threat, as is commonly thought, but Catholicism. Their tactics of evangelism are leading thousands astray."

The standard is highly prized in war. It has been engraved on it all the great



Rev. C. H. Franklin

battles which have been fought victoriously in the various fields of battle. It is a great disgrace to lose the standard in any battle, and so, as a result, many brave men have died around the standard-bearer. How much greater should we prize the standard of Pentecost and this good old way? Our standard is HOLINESS, which is first and foremost. We have a conqueror on our side who has never lost a battle. He is the great Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Godhead. Isaiah says, "The Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." How many times the Holy Ghost has fought battles with principalities around us, we shall never know. Many times the enemy has come in like a flood, and the Spirit of the Lord has lifted up the standard against him.

In Jer. 4:6, we read, "Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction." The word "Zion," of course, means the church. If there was ever a time when members of the Church of God need to hold up the standard it is the time in which we are now living. Many are letting down on the standard and marring the honor of the church.

Let us look back at the definition of standard. Our church has fixed rules which were established by authority of God, not man. These are rules to be obeyed in the fear of God.

The other day I received a letter from a member here at our local church. In this letter our sister asked that her name be removed as a member of this church. She said that she had nothing against the people here but she "did not like the man-made laws of the Church of God." Now if anyone can show me a teaching of the Church of God which is not entirely backed up by God's Holy Writ, the Bible, I will be inclined to agree with this sister; but if you will check your *Minutes*, you will notice that after each teaching the scripture is there to back it up. If you believe the Bible, then you must believe the teachings of the Church.

In "bearing the standard," we must be faithful all the way, because the Bible says, in Matt. 24:14, "But he that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved." Let us keep the blood-stained banner of holiness waving high, live a life above reproach, and continue walking in the light, and in that way we shall heap honor unto God, unto the Church, and, last of all, unto ourselves.

FOLLOW ON TO KNOW THE LORD

By MISS OLLIE V. OWEN,
LIBERTY, S. C.

Text: Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." This is our Lord's last words to His disciples just before leaving them and going back to the Father. In Mark 16:15, He had already told them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Verse 16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." And Jesus told them the signs that would follow them that believed, that the world might know them that were His. And in Luke 24:49 He is telling them to first tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they be endued with power from on high. For about three and one-half years, Jesus had been their Teacher, their Comforter, their Guide, their Redeemer, their Healer, and their Keeper; now the time had come for them to separate, and this glorious Person who had come that

they might have life, was going back to His Father in heaven. He knew they could not live a holy life in this world of sin without one of the Trinity to go with them; so He told them if they loved Him to keep His commandments, and He would pray the Father and He would send them another comforter that he might abide with them forever (John 14:15-17).

Someone may say, "Oh, those disciples weren't saved until Pentecost." Let's see what Luke 10:17-20 says: "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding, in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." Surely a sinner's name would not be written in heaven, but only those who have been born of the Spirit of God.

In the 17th chapter of St. John, Jesus prayed for His disciples to be sanctified, and He said, "I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth."

Listen, friends, the Son of God also prayed for you and me, who believe on Him through the Word of His servants, for He said in this prayer, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word," John 17:20. What a Saviour! Who would remember us even before we came into this world, and provide this wonderful salvation for us through His shed blood on the cross. Yet, there are so many people today denying this way and trampling the precious blood of Jesus under their feet. So many have a form of godliness and deny the power of God to set them free from sin. Some of the world's so-called greatest preachers never mention in their pulpits sanctification or the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They tell the people that the flesh sins as long as they stay in the world. They are also deceiving multitudes by getting them to sign a card and say they are going to live better. Beloved, such as that will never take anyone to heaven. There is just

one way to that city, and that is the way of the cross—old-time, blood-bought, Holy Ghost salvation is the only thing.

Jesus told Nicodemus, that great ruler of the Jews, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," John 3:1-3. No doubt this man was well educated and wealthy—having all of this world's good heart could wish for, but he knew nothing about the way of salvation. Jesus told him he must be born again. Heb. 13:12 tells us that Jesus suffered without the gate to sanctify the people with His own blood; that is, to cleanse us thoroughly from sin and bring us back to the holy state in which God intended us to live. He created us in His own likeness and image (Gen. 1:27). Eph. 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." Before Jesus went back to heaven He told His disciples, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," John 14:15-17.

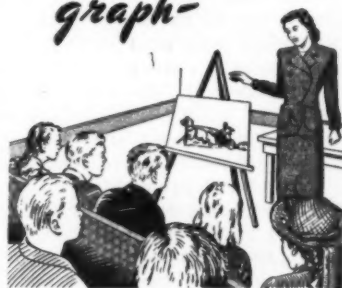
On the day of Pentecost, after that wonderful address Peter gave unto the people, they became convicted and began to say, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:38, 39. In Acts 19, we find where Paul, while traveling, came to Ephesus, and finding some of John's disciples, said unto them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of

the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied," Acts 19:2-6.

Beloved, here was a group of honest-hearted people who had not heard about the Holy Ghost, but when Paul told them about this wonderful experience they were willing to accept it. However, there are many today whose eyes are blinded with unbelief, and they won't hear us; they are establishing their own righteousness the easy way. The way of holiness and speaking with other tongues is a way that is despised by the world today, yet in Heb. 12:14, Paul tells us to follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see God. God said, "Be ye holy, for I am holy." Yes, God is a holy God; heaven is a holy place; the angels are holy; the Son is holy; the Holy Ghost is holy; so, if we want to see God in peace, we must be holy. It is God's will that everyone of His children follow on to know Him (Hosea 6:3). It is His will that everyone receive the Holy Ghost. It was His command to the early Church, and it is His command to us today. Then, if we have the Holy Ghost, He wants us to encourage others to follow on to know Him.

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RELIGIOUS *but Lost*

By REV. J. L. THORNHILL, FOXWORTH, MISS.

Matt. 7:21, 22, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

May I call your attention to the sayings of our Lord Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount? also, to Paul's teachings given to the Galatians in Ch. 2:21, "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

The word "frustrate" means to make void, to reject, to refuse, to regard as unnecessary and needless. It is clear that if righteousness comes by the law, the grace of God is no longer required. It is useless and needless. I propose in this message to bring forth an indictment against this sordid and soul-destroying doctrine.

This erroneous doctrine arises partly from "ignorance," for men are ignorant of the law of God, heart purity, and of what holiness really is. If they knew that even an evil thought is a breach of justice, and that the law once broken in any point is altogether violated, they would be at once convinced that there can be no righteousness by the law to those who have already lived in grief of it. Self-righteousness is natural to our fallen race of humanity. He who worships his idols will torture himself, will fast, will pray long, will go to church, will pay the sick many special visits, will pay his tithes right up to the penny, will perform long errands or pilgrimages, and do or endure anything in order to merit eternal salvation. History tells us that the Romish Church holds up continually before the eyes of its adherents the price to be paid and earned by self-denial, by penance, by prayers, by hardships, or by sacraments, or by other performances of man. Very religious are they indeed, and full of works, full of self-righteousness, full of performances, but no real living faith in the merits and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any

man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Eph. 2:8-10. What is faith? Faith is believing that Christ is what He is said to be, that He will do what He has promised to do, and expecting this of Him. It is made up of three different things: *knowledge, belief, and trust*. "Incline your ear, and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live." Such was the word of the ancient prophet, and it is the word of the gospel still. Faith still comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Sin is darkness, weakness, death. Some seek to cover their sins, but "he that covereth his sin shall not prosper." Some try to justify themselves in sin, but this is impossible, because each one is condemned by his own conscience. Some study philosophy, some read amusing fiction, some reform their lives and mend their ways. All these expedients must fail. They have all failed. There is only one way to get rid of sin and dead works, and that is to "repent and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." The mistake of this world is in the belief that all blessedness is found in withholding. This awful blunder is manifested in the way men use their neighbors. They cherish their friendship for what they can make out of them. Many love their country for what they hope to get out of it. Many church members have no use for the church except so far as they can make the church serve them. It has always been the unsanctified man's desire to establish himself here in this world, so as to be able to command a hearing or following. He will join any kind of lodge, secret society, or other kind of order, whether right or wrong, in order to be commanding. The world is inviting. The pull of the world is on every side. Men are grabbing with all their might to get a stronghold on every string they possibly can in order to secure themselves and make themselves more commanding.

Why are people lost? First of all, because of *what they are* and do themselves. Psalm 51:5, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my

mother conceive me." David did not mean that there was sin connected with the act of his mother's conception, or in bearing him, but that he came into this world with a sinful, carnal nature. God's Word teaches us that we are all by nature the children of wrath (Eph. 2:3). I say to you, men are lost because of what they are—fallen creatures, sinners by nature, aliens to God, strangers to His grace, without God, and without hope; but God gave His only begotten Son that through Him we might be saved, and Jesus said, Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Here is one of the wonders of God's grace, Paul said, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." I have always seen and believed that God expressed His displeasure in the *sickness, weakness, and physical death* of many of the members in the church at Corinth. Oh, the marvel of the grace of God, that He gives us the privilege of sitting in judgment on ourselves, correcting the thing that is wrong, getting it out of our lives, confessing it to the Lord and thereby escaping the "rod" of God!

In Jer. 2:17-20, we read, "Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast *forsaken* the Lord thy God, when he led thee by the way? And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord God of hosts. For old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot." Yes, "religious but lost"! It does not matter how religious we are, or how zealous we appear to be, unless we have really been born again of the Spirit of God, all our good deeds cannot save us from the pangs of torment. Hear the Word of God: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," John

3.36. In order to maintain our new-birth experience, Jesus provided heart purity for all His children that they should be kept from evil, bear much fruit, and be one.

Isalah said, "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash ye, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow," Ch. 1:15-17. Why was the Lord displeased with their worship? Was it not because of its *insincerity*? Let God's gracious Word answer that. "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward," Isa. 1:4.

Yes, this was a rebellious, self-righteous, insincere, zealous and deceived nation of people, yet they were very, very *religious*, but *lost*. It is an awful thing to be deceived. Therefore, Paul said, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," Gal. 6:7.

I could go on and on, giving you scripture after scripture, showing you the folly and danger of false worship and insincerity. No wonder Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Can we imagine anything more serious and tragic than a person going through life as a religionist, doing religious works, thinking all the time that because of these he is saved, and finally hearing the Lord say, I never knew you." **RELIGIOUS BUT LOST!**

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION

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holy sacrifice upon the altar of God to be filled and used of the Holy Spirit, resulting in the glorification of Christ in his life.

Did I hear you say, "Sanctification in nothing but a setting apart for God's use?" You are just one-half right. Sanctification is a setting apart for God's use, but keep this in mind: God will not set apart for His use an unclean vessel. My mother sets apart her cooking utensils, but not without

giving them a thorough washing with soap and water. Is my mother a better housekeeper than God? I think not.

Now back to the text: "Be perfect." Have you ever read how this word "perfect" originated? It will help you to understand what Christ meant when He said, "Be perfect." It is a compound word, the former meaning "a sunbeam," and the latter "to judge"—literally, "to judge in a sunbeam." It was taken from an ancient custom of holding up a substance before the sun for his rays to interpenetrate it in order to reveal any foreign matter or impurities. The scriptural application is very simple and means that when the blood of Jesus covers your soul its sanctifying efficacy makes your heart so pure the omniscient eye of the Eternal Judge looking through and through you cannot see one particle of sin. The word "sincerity" is not less strong, because it means "without wax"; i. e., perfectly free from foreign matter. Agreeable to this are the words of St. John, "*The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.*" Also the words of St. Paul, "Being therefore made free from sin, and become servants to God; you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Bogus theologians may wrest the Scriptures in a futile effort to change it, but it is an eternal fact that will stand as firm as Gibraltar through the flight of eternal ages. Poor unsaved soul, have you been taught that you must drag the devil's chain as long as you live in this world? If so, fly to God's Son, Christ Jesus, and let Him unloose the fatal lasso thrown around your neck by Satan. Throw off the heavy yoke in the name of Him who drank the judgment cup for you on the hill of skulls. Give

Christ a chance. He "saves to the uttermost."

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REPORT OF CANTWELL, MO. HOME COMING

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Cantwell Church was indeed delightful. Brother Godwin, having had broad experience as pastor and state overseer, knows how to shepherdize a flock, and that he is doing in such a way as to endear himself not only to his good members but also to the community. Of course, the same is true, in a respective manner for Sister Godwin and Junior.

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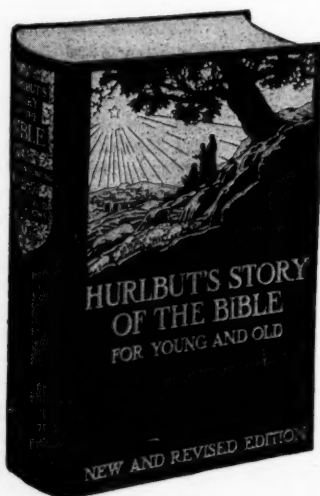
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